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**THE CAP AND GOWN CLUB**  
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

GRADUATE DEPARTMENT

March 26, 1953.

Mr. Allen W. Dulles,  
Central Intelligence Agency,  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Thank you for your letter of March 8, 1953,  
and it was thoughtful of you to respond.

I am now going to put a question squarely up  
to you which I hope you will seriously consider.

The Annual Dinner of the Cap and Gown Club  
will be held at the Union Club, Park Avenue and 69th  
Street, New York City, on Thursday, May 7, 1953. Our  
average attendance is approximately 150 members. It  
is really a very dignified and pleasant gathering.

Each year, as part of our program, we have  
invited some distinguished graduate member to be our  
honor member and to speak to us for fifteen or twenty  
minutes. Such a program delights the older graduates  
and gives the undergraduates the right impression that  
eating club members are really a worthy lot. In the  
past few years we have had such as Senator H. Alexander  
Smith, the late Charter Trustee, Henry J. Cochran '00,  
our literary light Hugh McN. Kahler '04, ex-Trustee  
Larry Payson '16, and others.

I know you are an extremely busy man but the  
thought occurred to me that perhaps you would be in New  
York on that date, possibly visiting your New York Office  
or attending to other affairs, and could privilege us  
with your presence. I can assure you that the formal  
aspects of the meeting, including your talk on any sub-  
ject you desire (either on your college days or your  
present thoughts) would be over by 9:30 p.m. in order  
to permit you to make any other plans. I certainly  
hope you would feel agreeable to so honoring us, and I  
would consider it a great personal favor.

Sincerely yours,

*Herman A. Heydt, Jr.*  
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